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Re: PCT/US00/05766
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Applicant: Goodreau et al.
Title: COMPOSITION AND PROCESS FOR TREATING METAL SURFACES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered into the application after the application has been accorded a serial number and before the filing fee is calculated.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

At page 1, in the line following the title enter:

RELATED APPLICATION

This application is a 35 USC 371 (c) application of PCT/US00/05755 filed March 3, 2000 which claims priority from Provisional Applications United States Serial Numbers 60/122,810 filed March 4, 1999, 60/158,171 filed October 7, 1999 and 60/147,932 filed August 9, 1999, the entire contents of each application is incorporated herein by reference.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-21 without prejudice. Please enter the following new claims 22-44.

We Claim:

22. A process for treating a metal surface to reduce the coefficient of sliding friction thereon, said process comprising operations of: